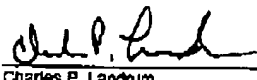


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Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2005 (the "Action"), for which the date for response was February 28, 2006. In light of the accompanying request for one month extension of time the date for response is March 28, 2006. Consideration of this case in view of this response is requested.

It is believed that payment for all fees due is transmitted herewith and no further fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSG:231US.

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